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Original articles are reports of basic or clinical investigations. Maximum length of manuscript is 3,500 words of body text, excluding the abstract, references, figures, and tables. These articles are limited to 40 references. The manuscript should be organized on a separate page in the following sequence: title page, abstract and keywords, introduction, materials and methods, results, discussion, acknowledgments, references, tables, figure, and figure legends.

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• Journal articles:

1. Park JH, Chung D, Cho HY, Kim YH, Son GH, Park YW, et al. Random urine protein/creatinine ratio readily predicts proteinuria in preeclampsia. *Obstet Gynecol Sci* 2013;56:8-14.
2. Reed SD, Newton KM, Garcia RL, Allison KH, Voigt LF, Jordan CD, et al. Complex hyperplasia with and without atypia: clinical outcomes and implications of progestin therapy. *Obstet Gynecol* 2010;116:365-73.

• Entire book:

3. Korean Society of Obstetrics and Gynecology. *Gynecology*. 4th ed. Seoul: Korean Medical Book Publisher; 2007.

• Part of a book:

4. Holschneider CH, Berek JS. Valvar cancer. In: Berek JS, Novak E, editors. *Berek & Novak's gynecology*. 14th ed. Philadelphia (PA): Lippincott Williams & Wilkins; 2007. p.1549-80.

• Conference paper:

5. Rice AS, Brooks JW. Canabinoids and pain. In: Dostorovsky JO, Carr DB, editors. *Proceedings of the 10th World Congress on Pain*; 2002 Aug 17-22; San Diego, CA. Seattle (WA): IASP Press; 2003. p.437-68.

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6. Dieci MV, Barbieri E, Piacentini F, Ficarra G, Bettelli S, Dominici M, et al. Discordance in receptor status between primary and recurrent breast cancer has a prognostic impact: a single-

Institution analysis. *Ann Oncol* 2012 Sep 20 [Epub]. <http://dx.doi.org/10.1093/annonc/mds248>.

• **Online sources:**

7. American Cancer Society. Cancer reference information [Internet]. Atlanta (GA): American Cancer Society; c2012 [cited 2012 Oct 20]. Available from: http://www.cancer.org/docroot/CRI/CRI_0.asp.
8. National Cancer Information Center. Cancer incidence [Internet]. Goyang (KR): National Cancer Information Center; c2012 [cited 2012 Oct 20]. Available from: <http://www.cancer.go.kr/cms/statics>.

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